REMARKS

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed January 23, 2006.

The Examiner has indicated that the sole remaining rejection, an obviousness-type double patent rejection, can be overcome with a Terminal Disclaimer. Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer.

With respect to ownership, the present application was not wholly owned by the owner of the cited patent -- Patent No. 6,799,753. Therefore, an assignment has been recorded in the present application so that the present application is commonly owned with the cited patent. The Assignment was recorded on April 26, 2006, at Reel 017530, Frame 0818.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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